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Import Licenses Awarded Within the Oilseed Complex Between January-September 2001

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Report Highlights:

The Government of Venezuela ties an import licensing system to the purchase of domestically produced or processed oilseeds before granting licences to importers - an item worthy of WTO review. This report presents the latest information regarding the import licenses awarded to major Venezuelan importers between January and September 2000.

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Executive Summary

On November 17, 1999, the Government of Venezuela established tariff rate quota's (TRQ's) for the oilseed complex. Implementation of the TRQ's is carried out through an import licensing regime. Almost a month and half later (December 31, 1999), the Ministry of Production and Commerce (MPC) published a notice to importers of oilseeds and oilseed by-products with details of the necessary requirements to obtain an import license.

Import licenses were awarded to the oilseed complex importers. The quotas filled an average of 25 percent of the total TRQ. In some cases, the import licenses did not cover the total established TRQ nor was it given for all the commodities listed within the TRQ.

This report presents a list of the import licenses granted to local importers for the period of January through September 2000.

Import Licensing system

General

Following the publication of the Official Gazette number 36,831 on November 17, 1999, the MPC started applying new requirements for issuing import licenses for oilseeds and oilseed products that compete with domestically produced commodities such as palm oil and soybean meal (for additional information refer to GAIN Report VE0013 and VE0015).

Venezuela has implemented absorption requirements which require an importer of oilseeds or oilseed products to purchase a specific quantity of domestically produced commodities as a prerequisite to receiving import licenses. The GOV vacillates between denying this practice exists and claiming that this system, along with implementation of tariff rate quotas, is valid within Venezuela's WTO commitments. The GOV notified the WTO of the implementation of tariff rate quotas.

Statistical information regarding the import license amount awarded for some of the oilseed complex products ad by importer's name is presented in this report. All data is for the period covered between January and September 2000.

It is important to note that not all the products are under the TRQ regime. The GOV can award automatic import licenses to products not included in the TRQ list. In such cases, the GOV authorizes importation without requesting additional documents from the importer.

Although the GOV has tried to improve the import licensing system over the years, the system itself shows a very thin line between the differences of automatic and non-automatic licenses. AgCaracas has pursued the GOV to provide justification and clarification of their procedures. To date, no official response has been given to AgCaracas request.

TRQ's Levels & Allocations

The following table provides the quota levels agreed between the GOV and the WTO. As noted, not all the TRQ's were granted. Venezuela did not import African palm oil nor palm kernel during the period January-September, 2000.

Commodity	TRQ Level MT	Current Allocation MT	% of TRQ
Soybeans	168,963	114,988	68%
Palm kernel	2,771	0	0%
Soybean crude oil	130,040	137,585	106%
Other Vegetable oils	55	0	0%
African palm oil	134	0	0%
Sunflower crude oil	151,612	26,196	17%
Coconut oil	322	0	0%
Other vegetable oils	1,795	0	0%
Yellow grease	50,595	68,172	24%
Soybean meal	696,880	320,971	46%
		Average	26%
		Allocated	

Venezuelan Soybean Import Licenses by Company
(January-September,2000)

Company	Metric Tons	%
Agrobeca	4,273.30	3.72%
Alim Bal. El Lago	5,100.00	4.44%
Convaca	2,615.55	2.27%
Coposa	101,000.00	87.83%
Inversiones Igueldo	0.00	0.00%
Proinvisa	2,000.00	1.74%
Total	114,988.85	100.00%

Venezuelan Yellow Grease Import Licenses by Company

(January-September,2000)

Company	Metric Tons	%
Agro consorcio Orograin, C.A.	486.57	0.71%
Agrobeca	495.69	0.73%
Agropecuaria Girasol, C.A.	107.02	0.16%
Alimentación Balanceada, C.A.	5,380.19	7.89%
Alimentos Concentrados Soutos, C.A.	9,000.00	13.20%
Alimentos del Centro, C.A.	1,553.33	2.28%
Alimentos La Fontana, C.A.	982.70	1.44%
Alimentos La Caridad, C.A.	5,500.00	8.07%
Alimentos Portuguesa, C.A.	2,689.31	3.94%
Alimentos Primarios de Animales C.A.	700.00	1.03%
Alimentos Protinal, C.A.	13,768.64	20.20%
Alimentos Super S, C.A.	3,000.00	4.40%
Alinteca	150.00	0.22%
Avicola la Guasima, C.A.	3,713.92	5.45%
Avidoca	250.00	0.37%
Cargill de Venezuela, C.A.	197.83	0.29%
Convaca	160.00	0.23%
Granja Alconca, C.A.	500.00	0.73%
Granja El Zorrito I, C.A.	592.50	0.87%
Induservices de Venezuela, C.A.	12,435.29	18.24%
Inversiones Grialca AC, C.A.	2,414.96	3.54%
Productos Balanceados, C.A.	1,095.00	1.61%
Purina de Venezuela, C.A.	3,000.00	4.40%
TOTAL	68,172.95	100.00%

Venezuelan Soybean Flour Import Licenses by Company

(January-September,2000)

Company	Metric Tons	%
Agro consorcio Orograin, C.A.	486.57	0.71%
Agrobeca	495.69	0.73%
Agropecuaria Girasol, C.A.	107.02	0.16%
Alimentación Balanceada, C.A.	5,380.19	7.89%
Alimentos Concentrados Soutos, C.A.	9,000.00	13.20%
Alimentos del Centro, C.A.	1,553.33	2.28%
Alimentos La Fontana, C.A.	982.70	1.44%
Alimentos La Caridad, C.A.	5,500.00	8.07%
Alimentos Portuguesa, C.A.	2,689.31	3.94%
Alimentos Primarios de Animales C.A.	700.00	1.03%
Alimentos Protinal, C.A.	13,768.64	20.20%
Alimentos Super S, C.A.	3,000.00	4.40%
Alinteca	150.00	0.22%
Avicola la Guasima, C.A.	3,713.92	5.45%
Avidoca	250.00	0.37%
Cargill de Venezuela, C.A.	197.83	0.29%
Convaca	160.00	0.23%
Granja Alconca, C.A.	500.00	0.73%
Granja El Zorrito I, C.A.	592.50	0.87%
Induservices de Venezuela, C.A.	12,435.29	18.24%
Inversiones Grialca AC, C.A.	2,414.96	3.54%
Productos Balanceados, C.A.	1,095.00	1.61%
Purina de Venezuela, C.A.	3,000.00	4.40%
TOTAL	68,172.95	100.00%

Venezuelan Soybean Meal Import Licenses by Company

(January-September,2000)

Company	Metric Tons	%
Agro Alimentos Mi Paca, C.A.	2,666.96	0.83%
Agro consorcio Orograin, C.A.	600.00	0.19%
Agrobuey, C.A.	1,413.49	0.44%
Alimentación Balanceada, C.A.	7,798.23	2.43%
Alimentos Balanceados El Lago, C.A.	9,500.00	2.96%
Alimentos Concentrados Souto, C.A.	18,088.36	5.64%
Alimentos del Centro, C.A.	7,254.13	2.26%
Alimentos La Fontana, C.A.	1,946.88	0.61%
Alimentos la Caridad, C.A.	59,380.00	18.50%
Alimentos Portuguesa, C.A.	2,416.00	0.75%
Alimentos Primarios de Animales, C.A.	2,500.00	0.78%
Alimentos Protinal, C.A.	27,000.00	8.41%
Alimentos Super S, C.A.	37,873.34	11.80%
Alinteca	2,550.00	0.79%
Avicola La Guasima, C.A.	22,057.62	6.87%
Avicultura Integrada, S.A.	8,000.00	2.49%
Avidoca	5,500.00	1.71%
Cargill de Venezuela, C.A.	47,287.15	14.73%
Convaca	1,006.83	0.31%
El Tunal, C.A.	2,000.00	0.62%
Eximproagro, C.A.	2,043.00	0.64%
Granja ALconca, C.A.	3,000.00	0.93%
Granja el Zorrito I, C.A.	1,000.00	0.31%
Granveca	2,043.60	0.64%
Induservices de Venezuela, C.A.	10,000.00	3.12%
Industrias Fravi, C.A.	1,013.44	0.32%
Inversiones Porcinas C.A.	3,500.00	1.09%
La Lucha, C.A.	4,000.00	1.25%
Minerales Venezolanos, C.A.	4,158.00	1.30%
Productos Balanceados, C.A.	2,720.30	0.85%
Proinvisa	2,000.00	0.62%
Purina de Venezuela, C.A.	13,654.00	4.25%
Seravian, C.A.	5,000.00	1.56%
TOTAL	320,971.33	100.00%

Venezuelan Crude Soybean Oil Import Licenses by Company

(January-September,2000)

Company	Metric Tons	%
Cargill de Venezuela, C.A.	72,910.00	52.99%
Coposa	10,175.00	7.40%
industrias Diana, C.A.	14,500.00	10.54%
Mavesa, S.A.	40,000.00	29.07%
Total	137,585.00	100.00%

Venezuelan Crude Corn Oil Import Licenses by Company

(January-September,2000)

Company	Metric Tons	%
Monaca	2,000.00	56.07%
Remavenca	1,567.04	43.93%
Total	3,567.04	100.00%

Venezuelan Refined Corn Oil Import Licenses by Company

(January-September,2000)

company	Metric Tons	%
Cargill de venezuela, C.A.	18.71	11.73%
Corporación Fritolux, C.A.	20.30	12.73%
Distribuidora Servifoods, C.A.	1.35	0.85%
Representaciones Freezoil, C.A.	60.25	37.77%
Representaciones Patrimar, C.A.	58.90	36.93%
Total	159.51	100.00%

Venezuelan Refined Soybean Oil Import Licenses by Company

(January-September,2000)

Company	Metric Tons	%
Corporación Fritolux, C.A.	403.55	63.69%
Corporación Intermarket	230.04	36.31%
Total	633.59	100.00%

Venezuelan Crude Sunflower Oil Imports by Company

(January-September,2000)

Company	Metric Tons	%
Cargill de Venezuela, C.A.	11,000.00	41.99%
Coposa	2,020.00	7.71%
Industrias Diana, C.A.	1,500.00	5.73%
Mavesa, S.A.	9,676.59	36.94%
Remavenca	2,000.00	7.63%
Total	26,196.59	100.00%

Venezuelan Refined Sunflower Oil Import Licenses by Company

(January-September,2000)

Company	Metric Tons	%
Agroselect Snacks, C.A.	140.78	2.88%
Alimentos Heinz, C.A.	2,236.00	45.68%
C & G Import, C.A.	614.71	12.56%
Induservices de Occidente, C.A.	1,805.42	36.88%
Rattan, C.A.	26.20	0.54%
Vetrachipi, C.A.	72.00	1.47%
Total	4,895.11	100.00%